(d) what urgent steps Government are taking to expedite finding a joint venture and make HPF a viable company?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Efforts at locating a Joint Venture partner for Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd. have not succeeded so far. However, this Ministry is still making efforts to revive the Company.

Shifting of News Division of Doordarshan

1122. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Programme Production activities of Central Production Centre, Khelgaon, New Delhi have been adversely affected by shifting of News Division of Doordarshan and;

(b) what is the utilisation of space vacated by News Wing of Doordarshan Kendra, Parliament Street, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Studios meant for Central Production Centre at Khelgaon, New Delhi are being utilized by the News Division of Doordarshan which has been shifted there recently. This has affected the activities of Central Production Centre to some extent. However, Central Production Centre can continue its activities by utilizing the studios of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi for the time being and later by utilizing the new studios at Doordarshan Bhawan as soon as the same are ready.

(b) The staff of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi which had earlier been sitting in the temporary hutments and other places have now been shifted to the space vacated by the News Wing. This space originally belonged to Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

Setting up of Doordarshan Kendras

1123. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in various States where Doordarshan Kendras have been set up in last three years;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to upgrade some of these Doordarshan Kendras in 2000-2001 and in remaining years of ninth Plan;

(c) if so, the Doordarshan Kendras in Orissa identified for upgradation and expansion; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Details of Doordarshan Transmitters commissioned during the last three years in the country is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 39]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Following schemes for upgradation of transmitters are under implementation in Orissa;

1. LPT at Berhampur (DD-1) to be replaced by HPT (1KW)

2. LPT at Sambalpur (DD-2) to be replaced by HPT (10KW)

3. 1KW HPT Sambalpur (DD-1) to be replaced by 10KW HPT.

Proposal for TV Tower in Shimla District

1124. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish T.V. Tower for the people of Tehsil Chirgaon in district Shimla for the financial year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) TV coverage is being expanded, in a phased manner, depending on availability of resources. There are eight transmitters including one for Metro Channel functioning in Shimla district. Further expansion of TV coverage in Shimla district would depend on future availability of resources and *inter-se* priorities.